



TUESDAY EVENING, AUG. 14, 1906.

WRITING of the recent decline in the price of brick, the New York Sun says editorially:

A critical situation has arisen in the building industry, owing to a sudden fall in the price of brick, which has fallen some 50 per cent. since last May. The decline, if permanent, must affect the value of the great majority of the buildings, old and new, in New York. It is likely, however, to be especially disastrous in the case of apartment houses. There is at present a great oversupply of such dwellings and rents have consequently begun to decline. Even without any marked recession in the cost of construction the position in which owners of apartment houses find themselves is therefore by no means reassuring. The slump in the price of brick will, unless purely temporary, result in a depreciation of at least \$1,500 in the average cheap apartment building. There is apparently much difference of opinion as to the cause of the slump. It is generally admitted, however, that brick has been unusually high for some time, and that while a partial recovery in price is to be expected, it will hardly be very pronounced. In many quarters it is asserted that the fall in the price of brick is traceable to the competition from concrete construction. At the same time concrete is displacing brick all over the country, particularly in the west, being cheaper and possessing, it is said, equal advantages as a structural material.

There is no doubt that building material has reached the limit and a general reduction is predicted.

A CASE involving the responsibility of retailers of canned foods was heard in Brighton, England, yesterday, in which a merchant was charged with exposing for sale 38 tins of chicken unfit for human consumption. In defense it was contended that it was absolutely impossible for the dealer to know the condition of the food when there was nothing externally to indicate that the contents of the cans were unsound. Nevertheless, the merchant was fined, the magistrates holding him amenable to the law, as he was in possession of the goods. The magistrates decided the case properly, and similar action should be taken in this country in such matters. It is no uncommon occurrence for people in the United States to be poisoned by certain canned goods, and somebody should be made responsible.

THE republicans of this district today went to some unnecessary trouble and a little needless expense in nominating a candidate for Congress to oppose Mr. Rixey, the democratic nominee. The "honorable" man is an entirely empty one, and it is more than doubtful even if the nominee will be allowed to control the federal patronage in the district, as Col. Sleep has the entire management of the republican political affairs throughout the State and he will relinquish nothing. It is very probable that some of the men who today helped nominate Mr. Henderson will on election day vote for Mr. Rixey, so sure are they of the latter's election.

TWO suicides of bank officers have taken place during the past few days—one in Chicago and one in Goshen, Indiana. A teller in Birmingham, Ala., has been found to be \$100,000 short in his accounts. The actors in these scenes are said to be the victims of fast living, race tracks and speculation. Such occurrences are likely to cause widespread trouble in the financial world, as they often precipitate panics. People lose confidence in banks and run on these institutions follow. The result of such can be found in the history of most of the monetary troubles which have beset this country.

THE tie up in building operations in Washington is causing anxiety not only in that city but in Alexandria also, as many mechanics who live in this city are affected. The workmen are contending against the movement on the part of their employers to inaugurate what is known as the "open-shop." It is hoped that the matter will soon be adjudicated and work resumed. The summer is nearing its close, and ere long preparations for winter will be in order. A dearth in work throughout the fall will make such difficult on the part of all who depend upon daily labor for subsistence.

THE ABANDONMENT of the Washington-Southern Railway freight yard at Fayette street and the transfer of the yard to the union station outside the city limits has caused great inconvenience to Alexandria shippers, who are found in their despatch of the whole affair. Some of the merchants have already given orders to have their freight shipped by other lines, and it is said that this movement will grow.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER A. E. POST, for the division of exhibits of the Jamestown Exposition, has begun a tour of northern cities to point out the advantage of manufacturers taking space. He rightly argues that it is a great opportunity for northern industries to be exploited before southern eyes. The

exhibits will be grouped in various buildings, instead of being scattered indiscriminately.

PEOPLE read advertisements for the good reason that they are concerned to know where to buy what they want. Also, as an experienced advertiser says, "an advertisement can be made as interesting as any of the unpaid articles in a newspaper."

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Attention has been called by many going to the canal zone to the industry of catching the hawk's bill turtle, which produces the tortoise shell of commerce along the coast in the neighborhood of Colon. As a result, the importation to this country has rapidly increased, according to Consul James C. Kellogg of Colon, and tortoise shell may become quite popular. The hawk's bill turtle is found only in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. Coming ashore to deposit eggs to be hatched in the sun, the turtles are captured. They vary in size from one to four-and-a-half feet, with a maximum weight of 150 pounds. The average weight of the shell obtained from each is from six to seven pounds. The price of the shell in Colon fluctuates from \$3 to \$6 per pound. Old turtles have a thin yellow plate on the belly, which commands an exorbitant price and is much sought after.

The acting commissioner of the currency today made the following statement: "The defalcation in the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., has been confirmed by telegram from the bank examiner. The executive states that the defalcation will not exceed \$100,000 and that the solvency of the bank is not affected by the loss. This is one of the strong banks of the South, the last report of the condition of the bank for June 18, 1906 showing a surplus fund of \$400,000 and undivided profits of \$140,789.

Secretary Shaw says he is not offering any special inducements or special facilities for the importation of gold. He had no requests for such assistance and does not believe it necessary at the present time. He today reiterated his denial of the statement that he intends to purchase \$50,000,000 four per cent. bonds and said: "There is nothing in it."

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, is to be one of the orators at the dedication of the McKinley Memorial which the city of Columbus, Ohio, is erecting at the main entrance of the State House grounds, which is set for September 14, the fifth anniversary of the death of the President.

Secretary Bonaparte has received the findings in the court martial cases of Assistant Surgeons T. N. Pease and Thomas L. Brown, of the navy, who were charged with "gouging" in their examinations for promotion. While no official announcement is made, it is understood that the decisions of the courts were adverse to the accused officers.

The fertilizer trust cases have reached the Supreme Court of the United States, having been docketed today. They are in the form of appeals from the decision of Judge G. H. of the United States Circuit bench, who denied writs of habeas corpus in the cases of Jas. G. Tinkley, of the Tennessee Fertilizer Co., and others indicted on the charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. A half dozen defendant fertilizer concerns are involved.

All of the indicted officials are under \$5,000 bond each to answer for trial in the federal court for the middle district of Tennessee, should the habeas corpus matter be decided adverse to them in the Supreme Court.

It costs more for a workman to live in the North Atlantic States than in any other section of the country, according to supplemental statistics on retail prices of food given out by the Bureau of Labor today. Investigation of the cost of living among 2,567 families of workmen scattered all over the United States, shows that the average expenditures for food in 1905 was \$349.27. The average cost of all foods consumed during the year was \$362 in the North Atlantic States; \$315.63 in the South Atlantic States; \$342.82 in the North Central States; \$317.32 in the South Central States; and \$326.44 in the Western States.

The average cost of food throughout the United States was greater in 1905 than in any of the 15 years preceding. In the past 10 years the increase has been \$62.51 or 17.7 per cent. It is stated that expenditures for food alone represent 42.54 per cent. of all family expenditures.

Secretary Wilson left last week on his second trip of inspections of packing houses without intimating to a soul in Washington, even his private secretary, where he was going. Newspaper men in Chicago discovered him in that city one day, only to lose him. Affairs at the department are being looked after during his absence by Assistant Secretary Hayes. There is no urgent demand for the secretary's return, but there is a general anxiety to know when the great farmer cabinet official is to return.

Public Printer Shillings today appointed Wm. L. Post superintendent of the document division of the Government Printing Office.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has decided to hold further hearings in the case against the coal-carrying railroads. There are a few points upon which further light is desired and it is understood that the railroads intend to have requested an opportunity to present additional evidence. Commissioner Post is now engaged in drawing up the report which is to be submitted to Congress in December, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Tillman-Gillespie resolution ordering the inquiry. There are over 12,000 pages of printed testimony to be summarized and commented upon.

Important assignments to commands of artillery officers were announced today at the War Department. Lieut. Col. John A. Lyden is ordered to Fort Washington, Md., and placed in command of the artillery district of the Potomac.

Clevelanders See Mirage.

Residents of the Heights, in the eastern part of Cleveland, O., Sunday witnessed one of the most remarkable mirages of which there is any record in this part of the country. Wonderfully clear and distinct, the Canadian shore of Lake Erie, 60 miles distant, was spread out before them in the sky. The phenomenon lasted for over an hour and attracted the notice of thousands of people before it faded. The inverted atmospheric picture was so clear that the city of London could be plainly seen, the church spires and principal buildings standing out in bold relief. Tall trees and a river emptying into the lake could also be seen.

News of the Day.

A census of divorces is being taken in New York, and it is feared that many family secrets buried in sealed courts will be laid bare.

Pearl Mary Teresa Craigie, the novelist and dramatist, better known by her pen name of John Oliver Hobbes, was found dead in bed yesterday morning at her residence, 56 Lancaster gate, London.

It is reported in London that the Czar has sought the advice of Emperor William and King Edward on the Russian situation, and that the British and German rulers will hold a conference to formulate a joint statement of advice.

The statistics kept by the Baltimore police department show that for the period from January 1, 1906, to last Saturday, inclusive, there have been 50 cases of suicide in that city, and 42 attempts at suicide.

The fifty-second annual convention of the International Typographical Union opened at Colorado Springs, yesterday. The chief business before the convention is the consideration of plans for further carrying on the fight of the union for an eight-hour day. The organization has expended up to date about \$800,000 in conducting this fight, and the treasury is getting low.

A sensational shooting affair took place yesterday afternoon at the saloon of Frank Randazzo, in Rochester, N. Y. According to the statement made to the police by Randazzo, three men entered the saloon while he was alone. One of them stepped up to the bar and demanded \$250 in cash at once under penalty of death by the Black Hand. Randazzo said he opened the money drawer, but instead of taking out money he seized a revolver and fired at the man who had made the demand. The man was killed instantly, the bullet taking effect in the heart. The other two men ran out of the place and escaped.

Pope Pius X. yesterday received in private audience Mr. Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University at Washington. To Mr. O'Connell the Pontiff expressed great pleasure at the news of the prosperity of the university, and urged him to continue with the programme he has followed hitherto. The Pope inquired affectionately for Cardinal Gibbons, and gave Mr. O'Connell a cordial message for him. He said his interest in the scholastic question in America had been enhanced by the recent Catholic convention at Cleveland. Pope Pius yesterday approved the decision of the Propaganda to appoint the Rev. I. S. Walsh, of Massachusetts, bishop of Portland, Me.

Four Boys Killed.

An eastbound Pennsylvania Railroad flyer, running sixty miles an hour, struck and killed four boys on a trestle crossing over the Central Railroad tracks at Elizabeth, N. J., yesterday. The boys were: Walter and Lloyd Griffin, brothers, aged, respectively, eleven and eight years; William Griffin, aged nine, and Raymond Dauber, aged eight, all of Elizabeth. The boys were walking westward, hand in hand, in the center of the east-bound track, when the train swung round a slight curve at the station. The engineer blew his whistle and applied the brakes, but too late, as the boys appeared terror-stricken by their danger. The train traveled a distance of two blocks before it could be stopped. All four boys were killed instantly.

Witnesses say that the boys tried to save themselves by clinging to the side girders of the trestle, but the cylinder heads of the engine struck them. Two of the bodies dropped to the tracks of the Central Railroad, twenty-five feet below. One of these was the body of Walter Griffin. His head was found lying on top of a central stone support of the trestle. All of the boys were struck on the back of the head.

The engine was one of the Welchard valve gear type, carrying large double cylinders that leave no room on the trestle for any one to stand in safety.

The death of the four boys makes six that have occurred at the same spot within a year.

Watson Arrested.

Charles Elmer Watson, a government clerk, who is charged by the Civil Service Commission with having personated his brother, James Watson, in taking an examination before the board, was arrested yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at his desk in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, in Washington. Watson, who left Washington just at the time the warrant was issued for his arrest, returned to work yesterday morning, stating that the charges made against him were false.

After sending Watson back to the desk, Chief Clerk Tucker called up District Attorney Baker on the telephone, and Deputy Marshal Wilkerson appeared and placed Watson under arrest. The deputy took Watson to the office of United States Commissioner Taylor, where he was arraigned. By his attorneys, Douglass & Douglas, a plea of not guilty was entered, and demand made for his immediate release on the ground that there was no evidence before the court.

Assistant United States Attorney Stuart McNamara opposed the release of Watson, explaining that the papers in the case were in St. Louis, where James Watson is said to be under arrest, and that they could be returned to Washington before Friday.

Juvenile Robbers.

Powell Brothers, storekeepers, in Hanover county, were held up in their store late Saturday night by two youths, 20 and 17 years old, respectively. One of the boys covered the two men with a big pistol, while the other emptied the cash drawer of \$68, the result of Saturday's trade.

While backing out of the store with cocked pistols they returned thanks for courteous treatment. On Sunday morning the boys were seen in the neighborhood of Hanover Courthouse, and later were captured at a spring by a posse with shotguns.

The boys had pulled off their clothes to wash, leaving their pistols with the clothes, and were defenseless when the officers called on them to throw up their hands. They declared that if they had been able to reach their pistols they would have made it lively for the officers. They refused to give their names, but said they were from Kentucky, and that they had been holding up people for three years, and always got away. There is strong suspicion that one of the boys is from Richmond. They are now in jail at Hanover Courthouse, awaiting trial.

Virginia News.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Harvey Grubb, of Happy Creek, and Della C. Mitchell, of Riverton.

Lieut. S. Smith Lee, U. S. Marine Corps, has received his orders to report for duty to Gen. Elliott, Commandant Marine Corps at Washington, on or before Thursday, August 23rd.

Enoch Pratt Heineken, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Heineken, of Prince William county, died a few days ago at the home of his parents, after a brief illness of typhoid fever, aged twenty-eight years.

Mrs. Hattie Eddy Cunningham, wife of George Cunningham, a well known miller of Berryville, Clarke county, and daughter of the late W. N. Eddy, of Winchester, was found dead in bed yesterday morning from heart disease, aged 50 years.

Mr. Abraham F. Newton died at his home in Fredericksburg Sunday, after an illness of 3 months of cancer of the stomach, in the 64th year of his age. Mr. Newton was a Confederate soldier and a member of company A, 3rd Virginia Regiment.

Dr. James Brown McCaw, the oldest physician in Richmond and possibly in the State, died yesterday after an illness of ten days. He was in his eighty-fourth year. He was for many years president of the board of visitors of the Medical College of Virginia.

James Davis, of Washington, is in jail at Montross to await the action of the grand jury for an attempt to murder his wife by cutting her throat with a razor. The affair occurred on Saturday while on a visit to the home of Mrs. Davis' brother, Mr. Charles Jones, of Sandy Point, in Westmoreland county. She will recover.

Because he did not pass the hot biscuits fast enough at the Norfolk City Mission, yesterday morning, Fieldhouse Breaks is at the hospital suffering from dangerous stab wounds inflicted by Geo. Wilkinson. The fight occurred at the breakfast table and created a panic among the unfortunate who were being fed by the mission. Breaks will recover. His assistant was held for the grand jury.

At Clark's Station, Pulaski county, yesterday evening, the five-year-old son of C. W. Brinkley, a Norfolk and Western Railway section foreman, accidentally shot and killed his four-year-old sister with a breech-loading shotgun. The parents of the children had gone to a springhouse nearby and in their absence the boy secured the gun and in some manner it was discharged, the contents of both barrels entering the girl's breast.

Hundreds of birds roosting in the trees were drowned on their perches in the awful rain storm of Sunday night in Norfolk, their dead bodies falling later on the sidewalks when people began to stir themselves yesterday. In the suburbs birds were drowned in even greater numbers than in the city. Only those which sought protection under the eaves of the houses escaped. It was the worst storm that has visited that section in ten years, and the volume of rain smashed all previous records for that locality.

Court-Martial Rends Army.

Advices from the Philippines say army circles there are all torn up over the trial by court-martial of Captain L. M. Koehler, Fourth Cavalry, for accusing General Leonard Wood, the President's chum and commander of the Philippine division, of malicious prosecution and other illegal acts, in order to protect General Wood's friend, Major Hugh L. Scott, who was charged with violation of regulations by Captain Koehler.

By bringing the charges against Major Scott, Koehler was court-martialed by order of General Wood, convicted and reprimanded. As a result Captain Koehler wrote a letter to the Secretary of War, making the serious accusation recited above against General Wood. For this he was ordered to be again court-martialed on charges of insubordination. This court-martial is now going on in the Philippines.

In his letter to the Secretary of War complaining of the manner in which his first court-martial was conducted Captain Koehler used this language:

"The severity, even to harshness of the reprimand administered, shows prejudice, bias, unfairness and a preconceived conviction that I was guilty, as originally charged. There was no evidence produced by the prosecution to show that my charges against Major Scott were 'malicious,' yet the reviewing authority (General Wood) insists that I should have been found guilty, as charged, without any evidence to support such allegations."

"The case has so many irregular and unusual features, and I am so thoroughly possessed with the feeling that I have not been given a fair trial, but have been the victim of prejudice, bias and even malice that I beg for a full and complete review of the case at the hands of the Secretary of War, with a view of the setting aside of the findings, sentence and reprimand."

The Loudoun Camp Meeting.

The Loudoun Camp Meeting began on Sunday in Benton's Woods, near Middleburg, Loudoun county. This camp meeting is a relic of the famous camp meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church held prior to the civil war. It will continue for several weeks.

The religious services will be in charge of Rev. Dr. Collins Denny, of Vanderbilt University, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffy, of Baltimore; Dr. J. S. Hutchison, presiding elder of Washington District, Baltimore Conference; Rev. C. D. Bulls, of Alexandria, and the local ministers of the Southern Methodist denomination in Loudoun and the surrounding counties. A special address will be delivered to the old soldiers Monday, August 26, by Senator John W. Daniel. —(Winchester News.)

Cataract Cannot be Cured

With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best known ingredients, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Cataract. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Cataract Pills for constipation.

Today's Telegraphic News

The Trouble on Brooklyn Rapid Transit. New York, Aug. 14.—The Brooklyn Rapid Transit still continues its reign of violence in the effort to collect the additional five-cent fare to Coney Island, which Justice Gaylor has declared illegal, and patrons of the road who resist the additional payment are subjected to brutality. The police instead of protecting the passengers from assault are now aiding the hired bouncers of the road to collect the extra fare.

One girl is dead and another badly injured as the result of assaults and ejections from the company's cars. Coney Island is practically marooned today, because the company has suspended the summer schedules in attempting to wring the extra fare from the public. More than one thousand people were held up all night between the city and the island on cars which the company stalled when the additional five cents could not be collected.

It was announced yesterday that the police would protect the public from the company's agents, but the order lasted only a short while, and last night it was given out by the department that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit might use reasonable force in ejecting a passenger for refusing to pay the extra fare.

Fishermen have found under the Culver route trestle over Coney Island creek, the first tragedy of "bloody Sunday" when they came upon the body of Miss Fannie Rodinski, the daughter of a rabbi, of Brooklyn.

The girl with a twelve-year-old companion, Edna Singer, had been thrown from a car by inspectors in spite of the fact that they had paid double fares. They then tried to walk to the island and in crossing the trestle, Fannie Rodinski was knocked off by a passenger train into the creek. Her body when found was covered with bruises, indicating that she had been roughly handled before she was struck by the train.

Frightened by threats from various civic bodies that unless there was a full resumption of traffic on their Coney Island lines moves would be made to have the charter of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit annulled, the company this morning resumed its trolley service to the island. As on previous occasions, persons who refused to pay the extra fare were thrown from the cars.

Borough President Color of Brooklyn has ordered the police to arrest any employee of the road who places his hand on a passenger. As the police are now acting with the company's orders from police heads much confusion will likely result. Acting Mayor McGowan, of the city, has indicated to Acting Police Commissioner Waldo that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit is within its rights in the matter of ejecting passengers.

Intimations were made in Brooklyn this morning that President Color would ask Governor Higgins to remove Acting Mayor McGowan and Commissioner Waldo. Sheriff Flaherty at noon today announced that under advice he had decided to take charge of the B. R. T. situation and see to it that the employees commit no outrages on the public.

After Fascinating "Widow."

New York, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Bina F. Verreault, alias Mrs. Helen Hamilton, nee Bina Finnegan, of Ironton, Wis., the fascinating "widow" who plied her hand in marriage to several "known victims," is today being industriously sought by federal and county authorities. Two warrants have been issued for her arrest, charging her with swindling through the mails, and her attorneys promised that the nimble-witted operator in the heart market would appear before United States Commissioner Shields yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Verreault failed to put in an appearance, however, and it was declared that she was a fugitive from justice. Commissioner Shields again awaited her in office this morning, but the changes that she would appear were considered rather slim. Mrs. Verreault is declared to be the prime factor in a national matrimonial swindling bureau.

Shortly before noon Hugh Gordon Miller, of Mark & Miller, counsel for Mrs. Verreault, also known as Mrs. Hamilton, surrendered the defendant to the officers of United States Marshal Henkel.

When Mrs. Verreault was arraigned before Commissioner Shields none of the complainants was present. Attorney Miller asked Commissioner Shields to release the defendant on her own recognizance on the Kiesler and Zilano charges until September 26, on which date he is to answer the charges of James McClellan, of Philadelphia, also known as "Victim No. 1." Commissioner Shields granted the request.

Czar to Review Guards.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—The Czar, accompanied by his family, left Petrohof today for Krasnoye Selo, where he will witness the maneuvers of the guards which are now proceeding there. The Czar had planned to make this trip for some time, but the attempt last Friday on the life of the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasvitch during a review of troops at Krasnoye Selo, it was announced that the imperial programme had been changed. Nicholas, however, apparently reconsidered this decision, and determined to show himself to the soldiers. The Czar will review the troops with his infant son, the Czarvitch, thus appearing before all the soldiers stationed at Krasnoye Selo. It was with the hope of establishing closer relations between the royal family and the loyalist guards that the Czar's trip to Krasnoye was planned. By showing his confidence in their loyalty Nicholas believes their devotion to himself and his family will be strengthened. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to guard the royal family against assassination on the trip and to protect the Czar during the review. One hundred detectives have been sent to Krasnoye Selo, and they are relied upon to guard the monarch.

Threatened Rupture.

Vienna, Aug. 14.—A despatch from Bucharest, Roumania, says that if the anti-Greek demonstration planned to be held at Philippopolis, Bulgaria, on Sunday, takes place, diplomatic relations between Greece and Bulgaria will be broken off.

The National Firemen's Association met in Roanoke today.

He Was in Trouble.

"I was in trouble, but found a way out of it, and I'm a happy man again, since Dr. King's New Life Pills cured my chronic constipation," says E. W. Goodloe, 107 St. Louis St., Dallas, Tex. Guaranteed satisfaction. Price 25c at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store.

Ice Trust Inquiry.

Toledo, O., Aug. 14.—The government's ice trust inquiry began today. The Interstate Commerce Commission hearing is expected to show rebates in some form were given favored ice dealers discrimination by railroads against independent ice dealers; that railroads are the real ice trusts and used their power to coerce and compel independent dealers to fix prices, and charity was used as a cloak to cover the sins of the railroads, and that ice shipped at charity rates was delivered to local agents of the railroad ice trust. The government this morning denied the request of certain Michigan witnesses to be excused. These include officers of railroads.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 14.—In the report of the state bureau of industrial statistics to be made public tomorrow, the American Ice Company, which it is alleged, controls a major portion of the ice privileges and facilities in Maine, will be severely censured for the prevalence of high ice rates in this city this summer. The report asserts that the American Ice Company has been practicing a systematic curtailment of the output of the commodity from their fields for several years, and that during the past four years only one third of the total amount available has been cut by the employees of the company.

Searching for Fugitive Bank President.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—An organized hunt is in progress today in the vicinity of Madison, Baraboo, Mendota and other Wisconsin towns, directed by the Chicago police, who believe they are on the right trail of Paul O. Stensland, fugitive bank wrecker. The reward offered by the Chicago Clearing House of \$5,000 has stirred the police of the continent to action in the search. Receiver John C. Fetzer, now in control of the bank's affairs, will fight the appointment of the Chicago Title and Trust Co., as a rival receiver. The first complete list of the notes forged by the fugitive and upon which he took money to their face value, from the bank, gives the total \$692,400.

Rival Railroads.

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 14.—The Louisville and Nashville Railway and the Virginia and Southwestern Railway are in a fierce contest for advantages in securing right of way for an extension from their main lines into the new coal fields of Lee county, Va., where a dozen important companies are opening mines at present. The latter road undertook some time ago to construct a million-dollar extension, and realizing the probable advantage this company would have, the Louisville and Nashville Company has hurried a corps of locating engineers into the same territory. The conflict is said to be strenuous. The coal deposits it is proposed to reach are among the finest and most abundant in the South.

Rejected by the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 14.—The principle of the management of church affairs to lay organizations as provided for under the French law for the separation of church and State, is unhesitatingly rejected by Pope Pius X. in his instructions to French clergy for their guidance under the new regime. The important document outlining the course to be followed by the French clergy was issued today. While the document shows that the pontiff considers it impossible to allow church organizations to conduct church affairs, its form, however, leaves open the possibility for an understanding to be reached in the future on the basis of the complete separation of church and State.

Destructive Fire in Milan.

Milan, Italy, August 14.—A fire in the great warehouses of the Pagnini Villani Company has been raging since two o'clock this morning. The warehouses were filled with oil, benzine, petroleum and drugs which burned fiercely. All efforts of the firemen to bring the flames under control, so far, have proved unavailing. Flames spread to several adjoining buildings, which have been wholly or partially destroyed. The loss so far caused is estimated at \$400,000.

Arrival of Russian Councillor.

New York, Aug. 14. Baron Krasnoyarsky, the recently appointed councillor of the Russian Embassy, at Washington, arrived today from Europe on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. The position to which Baron Krasnoyarsky has been appointed has not hitherto existed. It ranks next to that of Ambassador. His traveling companion was Gregory Wilensky, formerly of the Russian Embassy at Washington, who was recently appointed Russian financial agent at Tokio.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 14. The forty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was formally opened today with business sessions, camp fires, and reunions. There is a well defined sentiment among friends and relatives of the visitors that this will be the last encampment because of age infirmities. The crowd is estimated by the local committee at one hundred and five thousand.

Mr. Bryan to Visit Australia.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The report from Melbourne that he will make a tour of Australia was confirmed today by William J. Bryan. He declared he would go there immediately after the November elections, sailing from San Francisco. He expects to be gone ten weeks, but has not mapped out any definite itinerary as yet. He will include New Zealand in his tour. Mr. Bryan on this trip will travel alone.

Killed by Negro Troops.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 14.—Adjutant General Pulan has received a dispatch from the Mayor and citizens of Brownsville, Texas, stating that the negro troops recently sent there from Nebraska have broken out and killed one man, wounded several others, and are now shooting up the town. General Pulan is asked to send State rangers and troops. The greatest excitement prevails.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 14.—Price movements during the first hour were irregular. Although many of the brokers favor the bull side, there was a great deal of speculation in the easily manipulated stocks and they thought that while some were advanced on manipulative orders, long stock was sold in other issues. There was little commission business and brokers watching the trading were disposed to attribute a large buying part to the Gates party.

In this state it is not necessary to serve a five days' notice for eviction of a cold. Use the original laxative cough syrup, Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. No opiates. Sold by W. F. Creighton Co., 401 King Street.

Railroad Accidents.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 14.—Passenger train No. 3, which left here for the West at 7:30 o'clock last night, was wrecked between Southall and Union Level stations, at 12:35 o'clock this morning. No one was killed. Several were injured, but none seriously. The washout of a culvert caused the wreck.

Sedalia, Mo., Aug. 14.—A "Frisco" switch engine crashed into the chair car of a Katy Flier No. 6, at 1:05 this morning at Scott Junction, one mile from Fort Scott, injuring 17 persons. The car was turned over and took fire. The flames were extinguished by train men before great damage was done. The most seriously injured easterners are: Joseph Hadley and wife, Suburban, Pa. Three of Hadley's fingers on the left hand were smashed. Mrs. Hadley suffered lacerations about the head.

Greensburg, Pa., Aug. 14.—The passenger train running on the Sewickley branch between Trauger and Irwin at 10 o'clock this morning